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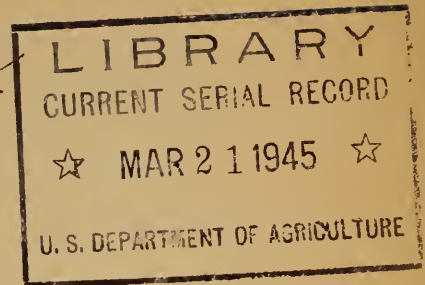
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To: Farm Program Directors

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Subject: WEEKLY REPORT ON "FEED SUPPLIES"



....FEED SUPPLIES....

Feed prices held firm during the last week in February with demand active and no general offerings, according to reports to the War Food Administration. Production of wheat millfeeds at Buffalo was materially larger during the week with mills operating to the limit of labor supply and transportation facilities. Demand continued active, particularly for bran, stocks of which remained extremely light despite increased output. Stocks of standard middlings and heavier feeds increased slightly and shipments were larger. Prices held unchanged at maximum levels.

In other eastern areas demand for millfeeds, especially for nearby shipment, was urgent but offerings were almost unobtainable. Shortage of boxcars resulted in many shipments to this area falling considerably behind delivery schedule.

In the North Atlantic region feed prices advanced slightly while egg prices declined about four cents per dozen. One dozen eggs would buy 17.4 pounds of feed in February compared with 19 pounds in January and 13.7 pounds in February of last year. In the same region feeding ratios were less favorable for the dairy owner as a result of the slight advance in feed prices and a decline in butterfat prices. A pound of butter fat would purchase 23.6 pounds of feed in February compared with 23.8 in January and 20.9 in February 1944.

